

Requested by Representative EVANS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 4121**

1 On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, delete lines 6 through 19 and
2 delete pages 2 through 17 and insert:

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“STATEWIDE REGIONAL TRAINING OFFICE

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6 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Statewide Regional Training Office is estab-**
7 **lished within the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.**

8 **“(2) The office is under the supervision and control of the Statewide**
9 **Regional Training Officer, who is responsible for the performance of**
10 **the duties, functions and powers of the office.**

11 **“(3) The Director of the Department of Public Safety Standards and**
12 **Training shall appoint the Statewide Regional Training Officer, who**
13 **holds office at the pleasure of the director.**

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15 **“PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE STATE RESILIENCE OFFICER**

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17 **“SECTION 2. (1) The State Resilience Officer shall identify state**
18 **agencies with responsibility for one or more emergency support func-**
19 **tions identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.**

20 **“(2) Each state agency identified under subsection (1) of this section**
21 **shall designate an employee of the state agency as the Emergency**

1 **Management Responsible Officer. The Emergency Management Re-**
2 **sponsible Officer shall act as the primary liaison between the state**
3 **agency and state authorities related to emergency management, in-**
4 **cluding the Oregon Department of Emergency Management.**

5 **“SECTION 3.** ORS 401.913 is amended to read:

6 “401.913. (1) The office of State Resilience Officer is created in the office
7 of the Governor. The office of State Resilience Officer shall direct, implement
8 and coordinate hazard safety and resilience goal setting and state agency
9 planning and preparation to improve hazard safety and resilience, including
10 but not limited to planning and preparation for safety and resilience during
11 and after earthquake, tsunami, wildfire, flooding and other natural or
12 manmade events.

13 “(2) The State Resilience Officer shall lead statewide efforts to implement
14 the Oregon Resilience Plan, the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and other
15 resilience plans adopted by the state.

16 **“(3) The State Resilience Officer shall facilitate policy standardi-**
17 **zation among state agencies, prioritize investments for improving**
18 **resilience posture and provide regular reports on state agency**
19 **resilience policy compliance, organizational preparedness, continuity**
20 **of governance procedures and measures of emergency readiness. Such**
21 **reports may be made to the Governor, appropriate committees of the**
22 **Legislative Assembly or relevant public safety advisory boards and**
23 **commissions.**

24 “[3] (4) The State Resilience Officer shall lead executive branch agencies
25 in continuity of operations planning and continuity of government planning.

26 “[4] (5) The Governor shall appoint an individual to serve as the State
27 Resilience Officer, subject to confirmation by the Senate pursuant to Article
28 III, section 4, of the Oregon Constitution.

29 “[5] (6) The legislative branch of government and the judicial branch
30 of government shall each select an individual to monitor the effectiveness

1 of hazard safety and resilience planning in their branch.

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“OREGON DISASTER RECOVERY AUTHORITY

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5 **“SECTION 4. (1) The Oregon Disaster Recovery Authority is estab-**
6 **lished as an advisory group within the Office of the Governor to direct**
7 **emergency recovery in Oregon. The Governor shall determine the**
8 **membership of the authority, subject to subsection (2) of this section.**

9 **“(2) The Governor shall appoint at least eight individuals to serve**
10 **as members of the authority from among state agency leadership, lo-**
11 **cal emergency managers and others with expertise in emergency**
12 **management. The Governor shall seek the advice of the Oregon**
13 **Homeland Security Council when making appointments to the au-**
14 **thority. Members of the authority serve at the pleasure of the Gover-**
15 **nor.**

16 **“(3) If the Governor declares a state of emergency under ORS**
17 **401.165, the Governor may activate the authority. The authority re-**
18 **mains activated until deactivated by order of the Governor. The au-**
19 **thority may remain activated notwithstanding the termination of a**
20 **state of emergency.**

21 **“(4) When activated, the authority shall:**

22 **“(a) Coordinate initial crisis services;**

23 **“(b) Coordinate recovery and mitigation efforts throughout this**
24 **state, using a framework aligned with emergency support functions**
25 **as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and**

26 **“(c) Coordinate the provision of emergency funding and other aid**
27 **to local governments or private entities.**

28 **“(5) A majority of the members of the authority constitutes a quo-**
29 **rum for the transaction of business.**

30 **“(6) Official action by the authority requires the approval of a ma-**

1 jority of the members of the authority.

2 “(7) The Governor shall appoint one of the members of the author-
3 ity to serve as chairperson.

4 “(8) The authority shall meet at times and places specified by the
5 call of the Governor or the chairperson. The authority may meet at
6 times when the authority is not activated to maintain readiness in the
7 event of an emergency.

8 “(9) The authority may adopt rules necessary for the operation of
9 the authority.

10 “(10) The Office of the Governor shall provide staff support to the
11 authority.

12 “(11) Members of the authority are not entitled to compensation or
13 reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the authority.

14 “(12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111,
15 are directed to assist the authority in the performance of the duties
16 of the authority and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to
17 confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the
18 authority consider necessary to perform their duties.

19 **“SECTION 5. (1) If the Oregon Disaster Recovery Authority estab-**
20 **lished under section 4 of this 2026 Act is activated pursuant to a dec-**
21 **laration of emergency, the Governor may hire additional state agency**
22 **personnel under this section.**

23 **“(2) Additional personnel hired under this section:**

24 **“(a) May be placed at any state agency, including the Office of the**
25 **Governor;**

26 **“(b) Must perform duties related to the emergency, which may in-**
27 **clude taking over duties previously performed by other state agency**
28 **personnel who have been reassigned to emergency-related tasks; and**

29 **“(c) Must have their employment terminated no later than the date**
30 **the authority is deactivated under section 4 of this 2026 Act.**

1 **“(3) Notwithstanding any other law relating to state government**
2 **employment, additional personnel hired under this section may be re-**
3 **cruted and selected through any means the Governor deems appro-**
4 **priate.**

5 **“(4) The Governor’s hiring authority under this section is subject**
6 **to the availability of funding. The compensation of additional person-**
7 **nel hired under this section may be paid from the Oregon Disaster**
8 **Recovery Authority Fund established under section 6 of this 2026 Act.**

9 **“SECTION 6. The Oregon Disaster Recovery Authority Fund is es-**
10 **tablished in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General**
11 **Fund. The Oregon Disaster Recovery Authority Fund consists of**
12 **moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the fund**
13 **by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise. Moneys in the fund are**
14 **continuously appropriated to the Office of the Governor to pay for**
15 **compensation for personnel hired under section 5 of this 2026 Act.**

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17 **“OREGON PREPAREDNESS GRANT ACCOUNT**
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19 **“SECTION 7. The Oregon Preparedness Grant Account is estab-**
20 **lished in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General**
21 **Fund. The Oregon Preparedness Grant Account consists of moneys**
22 **appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the fund by the**
23 **Legislative Assembly or otherwise. Moneys in the account are contin-**
24 **uously appropriated to the Oregon Department of Emergency Man-**
25 **agement for providing grants to local governments, as defined in ORS**
26 **174.116, and tribal governments to support their compliance with ORS**
27 **401.305 (2).**

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29 **“ODEM DUTIES**
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1 **“SECTION 8.** ORS 401.114 is amended to read:

2 “401.114. The Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall carry
3 out the following functions:

4 “(1) Coordinate emergency management functions on a regional basis
5 within this state;

6 “(2) Coordinate training related to emergency response on a regional basis
7 within this state; *[and]*

8 “(3) Develop and carry out emergency preparedness exercises on a state-
9 wide basis[.];

10 **“(4) Oversee collaboration, cooperation and coordination between**
11 **the state and organizations involved in the emergency stockpile plan**
12 **described in ORS 401.111, the emergency preparedness equipment grant**
13 **program described in ORS 401.551 and other stockpile or emergency**
14 **preparedness programs carried out by state agencies;**

15 **“(5) Take actions as necessary to ensure that supplies, equipment**
16 **and other materials are appropriately staged in preparation for emer-**
17 **gencies; and**

18 **“(6) Develop and maintain an inventory plan for the sustainable**
19 **procurement, rotation and management of emergency preparedness**
20 **assets.**

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22 **“RESILIENCE HUBS AND NETWORKS**

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24 **“SECTION 9.** ORS 409.760 is amended to read:

25 “409.760. (1) As used in this section:

26 “(a) ‘Resilience Hub’ means a physical facility that is **created**, operated,
27 managed or supported by one or more local residents, local governments,
28 tribal governments, public schools, community-based organizations, faith-
29 based organizations, nonprofit organizations, *[or]* nongovernmental organ-
30 izations **or any other groups or entities located in Oregon**, and that:

1 “(A) Supports the needs of community members or tribal communities,
2 facilitates gathering and communication, distributes resources and otherwise
3 enhances quality of life within a community;

4 “(B) Serves as a central point for gathering, information sharing, and
5 coordination in response to a disruption in the community;

6 “(C) Enhances the ability of a community to respond to and recover from
7 a disruption in a community;

8 “(D) Is positioned, operated and resourced on a day-to-day basis, **during**
9 **a disruption and during recovery**, to provide community resources, in-
10 cluding but not limited to food, water, information exchange, electronic
11 charging stations, basic medical supplies and equipment proportionate to the
12 size of the community’s population and needs;

13 “(E) Supports community cache sites and other support for community
14 members who shelter in place;

15 “(F) Can provide child care, training, food distribution and other services
16 that can help a community respond to unmet [*social*] needs to prepare for,
17 respond to and recover from **adverse events, emergencies or** disasters;

18 “(G) Can provide, or can be retrofitted to provide, heating, cooling, air
19 filtration and weather protection; and

20 “(H) Accommodates individuals with accessibility needs.

21 “(b) ‘Resilience Network’ means an association of facilities, organizations,
22 resource providers or service providers [*outside of a physical Resilience Hub*
23 *facility that collectively serve the purposes of a Resilience Hub*] **that collec-**
24 **tively supports community members to prepare for, adapt to or re-**
25 **spond to social, emotional and physical disruption generated by**
26 **ongoing climate change or other causes, and during and after an ad-**
27 **verse event, emergency or disaster.**

28 “(2) The Department of Human Services shall, in consultation with the
29 State Department of Energy and the Oregon Health Authority, provide
30 grants, [*support and technical assistance for*] **equipment, technical assist-**

1 **ance, contracted services and any other type of support to individuals**
2 **or organizations located in Oregon for creating or sustaining** Resilience
3 Hubs and **Resilience** Networks in Oregon. The Department of Human Ser-
4 vices shall award:

5 “(a) Grants for expenses related to planning and organizing Resilience
6 Hubs and **Resilience** Networks;

7 “(b) Grants to support and expand development and operation of
8 Resilience Hubs and **Resilience** Networks to ensure that physical facilities
9 can provide protection from extreme weather, can maintain power and cli-
10 mate during power outages, have auxiliary communications capabilities and
11 are resilient following earthquakes, fires, tornadoes, floods, other extreme
12 weather events and other potential **adverse events, emergencies or**
13 **disasters**[, *emergencies or incidents*]; and

14 “(c) Grants for resources and services needed by communities to otherwise
15 prepare for and respond to **adverse events, emergencies or** disasters.

16 “(3) Individuals or organizations **located in Oregon and serving people**
17 **in this state** may apply for grants by submitting an application that must
18 include:

19 “(a) A description of the purposes for which grant moneys will be ex-
20 pended, **including a description of the services to be provided to the**
21 **community by the Resilience Hub or Resilience Network**;

22 “(b) A plan for implementing specific strategies to build resilience in a
23 community;

24 “(c) A description of additional resources available for purposes of the
25 Resilience Hub or **Resilience** Network;

26 “(d) A description of the project’s ability to serve vulnerable populations
27 and communities traditionally underrepresented in the public process, in-
28 cluding communities of color, communities experiencing lower incomes,
29 tribal communities, rural communities, coastal communities, communities
30 with limited infrastructure, seniors, youth and persons with disabilities; and

1 “(e) Any other information required by the department.

2 “(4) The department shall execute grant agreements with grant recipients
3 obligating recipients to use grant moneys for purposes specified in the grant
4 agreements. The department, in consultation with the State Department of
5 Energy and the Oregon Health Authority, shall determine the permissible
6 purposes, **applicant eligibility requirements, types of awards for a grant**
7 **and eligible equipment, technical assistance, services and support** un-
8 der this section based on the needs of the Resilience Hub or **Resilience**
9 **Network**. The department shall determine the needs of the Resilience Hub
10 or **Resilience** Network in consultation with the community, including pop-
11 ulations described in subsection (3)(d) of this section, within the locality in
12 which the Resilience Hub or **Resilience** Network operates.

13 “(5) The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules necessary for
14 the administration of this section, including specifying the form and contents
15 of an application for a grant under this section.

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17 **“OVERNIGHT TRAINING ACTIVITIES**

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19 **“SECTION 10. Notwithstanding any other provision of state or local**
20 **law, a facility that is used for emergency preparedness, response or**
21 **recovery and that receives state funding is authorized to host over-**
22 **night training activities.**

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24 **“COUNTY AUTHORITY TO WAIVE CIVIL PENALTIES**

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26 **“SECTION 11. A county governing body may, by order or resol-**
27 **ution, waive a civil penalty imposed by the Oregon Health Authority**
28 **or a local health authority under ORS 624.992 if the civil penalty is**
29 **imposed for a violation that occurred during a state of emergency de-**
30 **clared under ORS 401.165.**

1 **“DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL**

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3 **“SECTION 12.** The Department of the State Fire Marshal shall
4 conduct a study of health coverage disparities between paid and vol-
5 unteer firefighters. The department shall submit a report in the man-
6 ner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for
7 legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly re-
8 lated to emergency management no later than September 15, 2027.

9 **“SECTION 13.** Section 12 of this 2026 Act is repealed on January 2,
10 2028.

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12 **“FINGERPRINTING BY ODEM**

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14 **“SECTION 14.** The Oregon Department of Emergency Management
15 shall require the fingerprints of the following persons for the purpose
16 of requesting a state or nationwide criminal records check under ORS
17 181A.195:

18 **“(1) Persons employed or applying for employment by the depart-**
19 **ment; and**

20 **“(2) Persons who provide or seek to provide services to the depart-**
21 **ment as a contractor or subcontractor.**

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23 **“PUBLIC AND INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

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25 **“SECTION 15.** Sections 16 to 19 of this 2026 Act are added to and
26 made a part of ORS chapter 401.

27 **“SECTION 16.** (1) The Oregon Department of Emergency Manage-
28 ment shall establish and administer a state infrastructure emergency
29 recovery grant program, to be known as the Oregon Public Assistance
30 Grant Program, to issue grants to qualified recipients, subject to

1 available funding.

2 “(2) Grants under the program must be used to pay for work per-
3 formed before, during or after an emergency to protect public health,
4 safety or property, including, without limitation, debris removal and
5 work to protect or restore public services or public infrastructure.

6 “(3) The Governor may activate the program if:

7 “(a) The Governor determines that an emergency has occurred or
8 is imminent and finds that assistance from the state is warranted; and

9 “(b) The department recommends that the program be activated.

10 “(4) The Governor shall inactivate the program when the Governor
11 finds that assistance from the state is no longer warranted.

12 “(5) While the program is active, the department may issue grants
13 to qualified recipients pursuant to requests from counties or tribal
14 entities. A request on behalf of a city may be made by the county in
15 which a geographic majority of the city lies. Requests must be in
16 writing and must include the following information:

17 “(a) Confirmation that the requester has taken appropriate action
18 under the local emergency plan;

19 “(b) An estimate of the amount and severity of damages and losses
20 and a description of the impact of the emergency on the public and
21 private sectors;

22 “(c) A description of the nature and amount of local resources
23 which have been or will be committed to alleviate the results of the
24 emergency;

25 “(d) A preliminary estimate of the types and amount of supple-
26 mentary state emergency assistance needed; and

27 “(e) A certification by the requester that the obligations and ex-
28 penditures for the current emergency will comply with all applicable
29 cost sharing requirements agreed between the department and the re-
30 quester.

1 “(6) The department may adopt rules to administer and implement
2 the provisions of this section, including rules governing eligibility re-
3 quirements, the form and manner of requests and evaluation of re-
4 quests by the department.

5 “(7) As used in this section, ‘qualified recipient’ means:

6 “(a) A state agency;

7 “(b) A local government;

8 “(c) A federally recognized Indian tribe in Oregon;

9 “(d) A school district or education service district; and

10 “(e) A nonprofit organization that provides critical services or es-
11 sential social services, such as a hospital, long term care facility,
12 school, community center, food assistance program or shelter.

13 “SECTION 17. The Oregon Public Assistance Grant Program Ac-
14 count is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from
15 the General Fund. Interest earned by the account must be credited to
16 the account. The account consists of moneys appropriated, allocated,
17 deposited or transferred to the account by the Legislative Assembly
18 or otherwise and interest earned on moneys in the account. The
19 moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the Oregon
20 Department of Emergency Management to carry out the Oregon Pub-
21 lic Assistance Grant Program described in section 16 of this 2026 Act.
22 The department shall ensure that no more than 10 percent of the
23 moneys in the account are used to pay costs of coordination and dis-
24 tribution of assistance under the program.

25 “SECTION 18. (1) The Department of Human Services shall estab-
26 lish and administer an individual grant program, to be known as the
27 Oregon Individual Assistance Grant Program, to issue grants to ad-
28 dress critical emergency-related needs of qualified individuals, subject
29 to available funding.

30 “(2) The Governor may activate the program if:

1 “(a) The Oregon Department of Emergency Management recom-
2 mends that the program be activated, the Governor determines that
3 an emergency has occurred or is imminent and the Governor finds
4 that assistance from the state is warranted; or

5 “(b) The Governor has declared an emergency under ORS 401.165.

6 “(3) The Governor shall inactivate the program when the Governor
7 finds that assistance from the state is no longer warranted.

8 “(4) While the program is active, the Department of Human Ser-
9 vices may issue grants pursuant to requests from counties or tribal
10 entities. A request on behalf of a city may be made by the county in
11 which a geographic majority of the city lies. Requests must be in
12 writing and must include the following information:

13 “(a) Confirmation that the requester has taken appropriate action
14 under the local emergency plan;

15 “(b) An estimate of the amount and severity of damages and losses
16 and a description of the impact of the emergency on individuals and
17 households;

18 “(c) A description of the nature and amount of local resources
19 which have been or will be committed to alleviate the results of the
20 emergency; and

21 “(d) A preliminary estimate of the types and amount of supple-
22 mentary state emergency assistance needed.

23 “(5) Grants under the program may be used only to pay for:

24 “(a) The provision of services to qualified individuals for critical
25 emergency-related needs, which may include, without limitation:

26 “(A) Temporary rental assistance;

27 “(B) Hazard mitigation assistance;

28 “(C) Repair or replacement of owner-occupied homes that serve as
29 a primary residence, including repair or replacement of privately
30 owned access routes;

1 **“(D) Assistance with immediate needs;**
2 **“(E) Essential personal property assistance;**
3 **“(F) Assistance with other serious needs that are not covered by**
4 **insurance; and**

5 **“(G) Other critical emergency recovery services as approved by the**
6 **Oregon Department of Emergency Management; and**

7 **“(b) Agreements with local governments, tribal entities or disaster**
8 **recovery organizations for the delivery of services described in para-**
9 **graph (a) of this subsection, including payments for staffing or other**
10 **administrative needs.**

11 **“(6) Assistance to individuals may be in the form of direct financial**
12 **assistance or payments to another entity on behalf of individuals.**

13 **“(7) The Department of Human Services, in consultation with the**
14 **Oregon Department of Emergency Management, may adopt rules to**
15 **administer and implement the provisions of this section.**

16 **“(8) The Oregon Department of Emergency Management, in con-**
17 **sultation with the Department of Human Services, shall update the**
18 **statewide emergency management plan prepared under ORS 401.052 to**
19 **incorporate the Oregon Individual Assistance Grant Program into**
20 **statewide disaster response and recovery planning. The plan must in-**
21 **clude, without limitation, provisions for equitable distribution of as-**
22 **sistance, coordination with local governments and community-based**
23 **organizations, and integration with federal recovery programs when**
24 **applicable.**

25 **“(9) As used in this section:**

26 **“(a) ‘Hazard mitigation’ means actions taken to reduce impacts of**
27 **future emergencies.**

28 **“(b) ‘Immediate need’ means:**

29 **“(A) A life-saving or life-sustaining item or activity that is essential**
30 **to prevent, mitigate or overcome an adverse condition caused by an**

1 emergency; and

2 “(B) Other equipment that is essential for daily household needs.

3 “(c) ‘Qualified individual’ means:

4 “(A) An individual who is displaced by an emergency from the
5 individual’s primary residence;

6 “(B) An individual whose primary residence is rendered
7 uninhabitable by an emergency; or

8 “(C) An individual with a disability whose primary residence is
9 rendered inaccessible or uninhabitable to the individual as a result of
10 damage caused by an emergency.

11 **“SECTION 19. The Oregon Individual Assistance Grant Program**
12 **Account is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct**
13 **from the General Fund. Interest earned by the account must be cred-**
14 **ited to the account. The account consists of moneys appropriated, al-**
15 **located, deposited or transferred to the account by the Legislative**
16 **Assembly or otherwise and interest earned on moneys in the account.**
17 **The moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the**
18 **Oregon Department of Emergency Management. The department may**
19 **make moneys in the account available to the Department of Human**
20 **Services to carry out the Oregon Individual Assistance Grant Program**
21 **described in section 18 of this 2026 Act.**

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“CAPTIONS

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25 **“SECTION 20. The unit captions used in this 2026 Act are provided**
26 **only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the**
27 **statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the**
28 **enactment of this 2026 Act.”.**

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